



MassGrown and Fresher News – A Time for Thanks



Massachusetts has a special connection to Thanksgiving — the first feast was celebrated by early American settlers in 1621 in Plymouth after a successful growing season. November is often referred to as the harvest season; and many summer farmers' markets move indoors, which helps keep our kitchens full of local, seasonal food all year long. Massachusetts boasts more than 40 [winter farmers' markets](#), and many have already opened.

All of your favorite Thanksgiving staples, including the centerpiece — [turkey](#) — are available from a nearby farm. To make your holiday food shopping even easier, there are special [Thanksgiving farmers' markets](#) opening throughout the Commonwealth. Pick up some local brussels sprouts and give our [recipe of the month](#) a try.

Make some space on your social calendar this month for one of these fun seasonal events. Many more events can be found on our [Culinary and Agricultural Calendar](#).

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- November 14 - 15:** [Cheesegiving](#), Lexington
 - November 18:** [The Homemade Kitchen](#), Wellesley
 - November 19:** [Glow Gala](#), Lawrence
 - November 20 – 22:** [America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration](#), Plymouth
 - November 21 – 22:** [13th Annual Thanksgiving Harvest Festival](#), Phillipston
 - November 20:** [6th Annual Local Craft Brewfest](#), Boston
 - November 24:** [Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop](#), Waltham
 - November 26:** [America's Thanksgiving Dinner](#), Plymouth
 - November 28:** [Westport Rivers Vineyard & Winery Open House](#)
 - November 30:** [Wreath Making Workshop](#), Deerfield



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